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FINANCIAL REPORT  
OF THE  
OFFICERS OF THE  
**TOWN OF CORNISH,**  
TOGETHER WITH THE  
REPORT OF THE SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT,  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING  
March 11th, 1862.

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## STATE OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE.

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To the inhabitants of the Town of Cornish, in the County of Sullivan, in said State, qualified to vote in Town affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town House, in said Cornish, on TUESDAY THE ELEVENTH DAY OF MARCH next, at nine of the o'clock, in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects :

- 1st. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.
- 2nd. To choose a Town Clerk.
- 3rd. To choose a Representative, to represent this Town in the General Court of this State.
- 4th. To bring in your votes for Governor, Councillor, Senator, Railroad Commissioner, County Treasurer, Register of Deeds, and one County Commissioner.
- 5th. To choose Selectmen and all other necessary Town Officers.
- 6th. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges the ensuing year.
- 7th. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to make and repair Highways and Bridges the ensuing year.
- 8th. To see what sums of money the Town will raise to pay existing claims against the Town.
- 9th. To see what disposition the Town will make of the Liquor and Casks now in the hands of the Selectmen.
- 10th. To see if the Town will discontinue the Highway leading from the Barker B. Churchill, gate (so called) to the School house in District No. 12.

Given under our hands and seal, this eighteenth day of February, in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two.

G. D. KENYON,	} <i>Selectmen</i>	
WM. BALLOCH,		of
H. A. DAY,		<i>Cornish.</i>



# SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

## RECEIPTS.

The Selectmen have assessed the inhabitants of the town of Cornish and land of non-residents, including non-residents' highway tax, the sum of \$3534 73

Also, Benjamin, and Harvey H. Ayers, for school district, No.1, in Plainfield, 3 87

There has been paid into the Treasury, the following additional sums :

Rec'd of former Selectmen by L. Martindale,	146 00
Literary fund,	123 30
Interest on school fund,	28 24
Cash rec'd of County for support of paupers,	233 32
Pauper expenses refunded,	29 30
“ Supt. Alms House, above expenditures,	11 22
Cash rec'd, circus license,	30 00
“ hired by Selectmen, as per vote of town,	2525 00

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\$6664 98

Deduct cash paid State and County Treasurer,	1086 59
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Leaves a balance of,	\$5578 39
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## EXPENDITURES.

Paid Committee to aid volunteers,	\$1000 00
For support of schools,	1179 54
“ plank and timber,	166 88
“ support of County paupers and paupers from away the alms-house,	491 06
A. G. Vinton, services as Superintending School Committee for 1860,	42 62
L. J. McIndoe, Town reports, 1860-61,	16 00
P. S. Adams, Teachers' Institute,	21 86
J. O. Wyman, Liquor Agent, 1860,	35 00
School district, No. 14, Claremont, for 1860,	4 50

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Amount carried forward,	\$2957 46
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Amount brought forward,	\$2957 46
Wm. Balloch, Moderator's services,	3 00
Gardiner & Vaughn, H. H. Comings' suit,	10 00
G. W. Merrifield, statutes, town officer and collector's book,	3 57
L. Martindale, Selectman's services, 1860,	2 00
James Hildreth and others, for building road laid on petition of Daniel Bryant and others,	85 31
Bradley Burr, for building road laid on petition of B. Benway and others,	15 37
L. Martindale and others, for building road laid on petition of Abijah Williams and others,	461 98
Daniel Bryant, land damage,	40 00
Benjamin Smith, " " "	50 00
Daniel D. Freeman, land damage,	275 00
George Westgate, " " "	100 00
Oliver P. Burr, covering stone for culvert,	3 50
E. L. Cushing and others, counsel and att'y fees,	13 00
George Weld, damage to wagon,	1 50
Moses Walker, over tax on land, 1858-59-60,	7 00
H. C. Freeman, work on highway,	1 00
Brooks Kimball, damage to horse,	125 00
Benjamin Ayres, clay for highway, 1860-61,	6 00
D. T. Chase, making affidavit,	50
N. A. Deming, stone monument on town line,	50
Saul Wyman, over tax,	1 28
Philenda Ayers, pass for B. F. Bugbee,	6 00
School district, No. 14, in Claremont, 1859,	4 00
Orlando Powers, going to Claremont,	1 00
" " making affidavits,	1 25
D. P. Deming, over tax, 1861,	2 80
Siloam Spaulding, damage to plow,	2 00
J. T. Breck, Town Clerk's services,	25 00
" " notifying jurors,	3 50
Daniel E. Carroll, damage to wagon,	1 00
Lucinda Weld, clothing,	12 00
John M. Deming, damage to wagon, 1860,	2 50
Maria Putnam, over tax,	53
James Tasker, work on Mercer bridge,	5 00
Jonas Hastings, services with hearse,	28 00
" " Collector's services,	25 00
Amount carried forward,	\$4282 55



Amount brought forward,	\$4282 55
D. H. Hilliard, running Town line,	1 00
“ powder and fuse,	1 20
Chase S. Smith, proving weights and measures,	3 12
John H. Fellows, over tax,	1 28
Urial Comings, damage to plow,	2 00
E. H. Pike, Supt. School Committee services,	40 00
“ books furnished indigent children,	80
John Johnson, abatement on tax book, 1860,	3 84
L. H. Sanderson, breaking roads,	5 76
Reuel Goward, “ “	5 00
S. Bryant and others, “ “	11 88
Wm. C. Poole, “ “	16 56
B. Benway, “ “	13 86
Milton Wyman, “ “	8 88
Elijah P. Kenyon, “ “	12 00
S. Bryant, work on highway,	10 25
Urial Comings, guide boards,	5 00
Orlando Powers, interest on bank note,	9 30
Reuben B. White damage to wagon,	67
J. T. Breck, powder and fuse,	56
Hannah Jackson, over tax,	52
H. C. Freeman, breaking roads,	4 50
Elijah P. Kenyon, work on bridges,	14 25
Chester Pike, work on roads and bridges,	16 87
Hiram M. Weld, watering trough,	1 00
Wm. D. Lear, “ “	1 00
Quartus Fletcher, “ “	3 00
John Davis, “ “	1 00
John N. Deming, “ “	1 00
G. W. Weld, “ “	3 00
Benj. Farrington, “ “	1 00
Wm. D. Burr, “ “	1 00
Family of Joseph Stevens, volunteer,	12 00
“ “ George M. Chase, “	44 19
“ “ Stephen S. Stearns, “	15 00
“ “ Nathaniel E. Beers, “	34 55
“ “ David K. Ripley, “	23 00
“ “ Oren Watkins, “	22 67
Parents of Newton C. Dodge, “	27 00
“ “ Alvah S. Rawson, “	19 00

Amount carried forward,

\$4681 06

Amount brought forward,	\$4681 06
Family of Michael Troden, volunteer,	21 34
" " John Gilbert, "	69 21
" " Charles C. Bartlett, "	4 00
For surveyor's services on Croydon line,	4 00
G. D. Kenyon, interest on bank note,	46 33
Wm. Balloch, postage and stationary,	5 40
Contingent expenses,	95 07
Selectmen and Overseer of Poor, services,	188 94
G. D. Kenyon, Treasurer's services,	8 00
Jonas Hastings, abatement on tax book,	61 22
Aaron Smith, over tax,	2 34

Amounting to the sum of,	\$5186 91
Which sum deducted from the foregoing receipts, leaves	
a balance in favor of the town of,	391 48
All of which is respectfully submitted.	

G. D. KENYON,	} <i>Selectmen</i>	
WM. BALLOCH,		} <i>of</i>
H. A. DAY,		

## TREASURER'S REPORT,

For the Fiscal year, Ending March 11th, 1862.

### RECEIPTS.

Cash received from Amos Richardson, former Treasurer,	\$35 93	
Cash received from Jonas Hastings, Collector for the current year.	2448 14	\$2484 07
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Cash reported in hands of Selectmen last year,	\$146 00	
Cash received from J. O. Wyman former Liquor Agent,	89 37	
Cash received from State Treasurer literary fund,	123 30	
Cash received of Selectmen for circus license,	30 00	
“ “ from sundry persons, interest on school fund,	39 76	
Cash received from County for support of paupers,	233 32	
Cash received from pauper, money refunded,	29 30	
“ “ of Selectmen from alms house	11 22	
	<hr/>	\$702 27
Cash received from Selectmen, borrowed, as per vote of town,	\$2525 00	
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Total amount of receipts,		\$5711 34

### DISBURSEMENTS.

Orders drawn the current year,	\$5295 94
Deduct expenditures from receipts excess in favor of town,	<hr/> \$415 40



## LIABILITIES.

Due school district No. 15,	\$11 62	
“ “ “ “ 1, Plainfield,	3 87	
“ for support of paupers say,	38 50	
“ money hired by Selectmen,	2525 00	
Amount of liabilities,		\$2578 99
From which deduct the above excess of		415 40
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Leaves balance against the Town of		2163 59

## RESOURCES IN FAVOR OF TOWN.

Due from State Treasury, railroad tax for five years, payment promised,	125 00	
Due from S. L. Powers, including interest,	27 95	
“ from County for support of paupers, say	25 00	
“ for interest on school fund,	10 88	
Estimated value of Liquor in hands of Se- lectmen,	63 33	
Estimated value of casks in hands of Se- lectmen,	6 00	
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Amounting to the sum of		\$257 76
Which being deducted from the above balance leaves a balance against the Town of		1905 83
The school fund notes amount to the sum of		470 86

Respectfully subitted,

G. D. KENYON, *Treasurer.*



## ALMS-HOUSE REPORT.

For supporting this establishment the following sums have been paid :

Paid Superintendent for 1861 to Feb. 28th, 1862,	\$300 00
Amount paid out by Superintendent,	214 59
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	\$514 59

### RECEIPTS.

Received from produce of farm,	\$464 81
“ “ H. A. Weld and others for labor,	61 00
Add amount due alms-house,	8 70
Excess of inventory above last year, consisting of stock, hay, grain, provisions, &c.,	26 42
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From which deduct the above, leaving a balance in favor of the alms-house of	560 93
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	46 34

An inventory and appraisal of the personal property at the alms-house, was made on the 28th of February, 1862, which amount at par cash, valued \$1734 93, an increase from last year's appraisal of \$26 42.

The produce of the farm has been as follows :

Nine calves, fifteen pigs, thirty-three tons of hay, four bush. India wheat, two bush. peas, twenty bush. barley, one hundred bush. oats, twenty bush. beans, two hundred and forty bush. corn, one hundred and fifty bush. potatoes, twenty-five bush. carrots, twenty-five bush. turnips, ten bush. beets, fifteen bush. apples, six loads pumpkins, ten hundred and twenty heads of cabbage, nine hundred lbs. pork, one hundred and fifty lbs. beef, twenty chickens, one hundred and three turkies, seven hundred and fifty lbs. cheese, six hundred and eighty lbs. butter.

We would say in this connection, that the Agent and his wife, have fully sustained their former reputation, by the careful, prudent and economical manner in which they have managed the affairs of the alms-house the past year.

We are of the opinion that the grain, provisions, &c., are amply sufficient for the season.

There have been at alms-house during the past year, from nine to fifteen inmates. ; four have left,—the present number is eleven.

All respectfully submitted.

G. D. KENYON,	} Overseers of the Poor.
WM. BALLOCH,	
H. A. DAY.	

## TO THE TOWN OF CORNISH.

The undersigned Committee, chosen on the 14th day of May, A. D. 1861. To invest or expend the money, voted on the said 14th day of May, to be borrowed by the Selectmen on the credit of the Town, to be expended wherever and whenever it may be needed in furnishing aid to the families of such persons as may volunteer, from this town to serve in the United States army, and to furnish those persons who have already or who may hereafter volunteer into the United States service from this Town, with each, two woolen flannel undershirts, two pairs woolen flannel drawers, two pairs woolen stockings, one revolver, one bowie-knife, one india rubber blanket, and twenty dollars in money.

### REPORT.

That they have received from the Selectmen of said town the sum of one thousand dollars, \$1000 00

And account for the same as follows to wit :

Paid in money to the seven volunteers there enlisted in the service of the United States, viz: Asa M. Benway, Edward W. Collins, Jr., Albert L. Hall, John L. Rice, John H. Barry, William Wright, and John B. Wright, the sum of twenty dollars each, \$140 00

For 1 revolver for each of the above named at \$15, 105 00

For 1 bowie-knife for each of the above named at \$3, 21 00

For 1 india rubber blanket for each of the above named, at \$1 50, 10 50

For 2 sets of flannels and stockings for each of the above named, 34 36

Amounting to 310 86

Amount carried forward, \$310 86

The committee having ascertained that a revolver and bowie-knife were utterly useless to the volunteer, decided to pay the amount of the cost thereof (\$18) in money, to each volunteer.

Amount brought forward,		\$310 86
They have paid to Wm. Nutt,	\$20 00	
Paid to Elbridge G. Beers, 2d,	38 00	
" " Nathaniel E. Beers,	38 00	
" " Geo. W. Collins,	38 00	
" " Stephen L. Stearns,	38 00	
" " Joseph Stevens,	38 00	
" " J. Howard Hunter,	38 00	
" " Samuel White,	38 00	
" " Charles Nevens,	38 00	
" " Geo. M. Chase,	38 00	
" " David K. Ripley,	38 00	
" " Nathaniel Smith,	38 00	
" " Marcellus Judkins,	38 00	
" " Chas. C. Bartlett,	38 00	
" " Orin Watkins,	38 00	

Making five hundred and fifty-two dollars, 552 00

And have furnished the last above named fifteen volunteers each with two woolen undershirts, two pairs woolen drawers and two pairs of woolen stockings for which the undersigned have paid sixty dollars. 60 00

The committee, at the request of the mother of William Nutt, above named, retain for the present the amount (\$18) due him for revolver and bowie-knife, 18 00

There is also in the hands of the committee which is due to the said last above named 15 volunteers, the sum of \$1 50 each, amounting to 22 50 for india rubber blankets which the committee have not furnished, for the reason that it was impossible to ascertain which of the volunteers would be entitled to receive them, by the date of enlistment before the Regiment to which they belonged left the State for the seat of war.

Amounting in all to the sum of \$963 36

Amount carried forward, \$963 36



Amount brought forward,	\$963 36
Which sum deducted from the amount received of the Selectmen, (\$1000,) leaves thirty-six dollars and sixty-four cents,	\$36 64
which should be paid to William Scott, he being the volunteer next enlisting so far has come to the knowledge of the committee, the date of his enlistment being October 2d, 1861.	

In conclusion the committee think it may not be out of place to say that they make no charge for their services.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

DAVID H. HILLIARD,	} Committee.
ORLANDO POWERS,	
ISRAEL HALL,	

# REPORT

OF THE

## SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

For the Year, Ending March 11th, 1862.

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TOWNSMEN: — Agreeable to his duty to you, and in conformity with the laws of our State, your Superintendent would respectfully submit the following report: embracing such statements and suggestions as he deems best calculated to advance the subject of Common School education.

### DISTRICT NO. 1.

Summer school, taught by ABBIE AUSTIN, of Plainfield; 18 weeks; whole number of scholars 23; average attendance 20. Miss Austin brought to her work a long experience, which combined with the tact of imparting instruction, secured to her the confidence of both parent and pupil. Studiousness, interest, good order, and good proficiency characterized the School.

Winter School, taught by A. D. LEAR, of Cornish; 10 weeks; whole number of scholars 18; average attendance 13. The School in this district closed two weeks sooner than I expected, therefore I visited it but once, and am unable to report the progress made. Mr. Lear may have acted well his part, but parents have not; they have neglected an important trust. To send children from their pleasant and comfortable homes, to a cold and dilapidated room, like the one in this district, without once visiting them, is a state of affairs that should not longer be tolerated by this opulent district.

## DISTRICT NO. 2.

Summer School, taught by LUCY A. HALL, of Cornish; 14 weeks; whole number of scholars 11; average attendance 10. Miss Hall is an experienced teacher of the first order. She paid particular attention to the explanation of fundamental principles. The closing examination reflected praise upon both teacher and scholars.

Winter School, commenced by E. H. PIKE, finished by JOSEPHINE FARNSWORTH, of Cornish. Whole number of scholars 21; average attendance 13. The first teacher labored three weeks, when he was obliged to resign on account of poor health. The School was continued by Miss FARNSWORTH, a teacher of some experience with adequate literary qualifications, eight weeks. She failed to bring her School under proper discipline, therefore not much progress in the different branches can be reported. It is my opinion that parents and scholars are responsible in part for the failure.

## DISTRICT NO. 3.

Summer School, taught by MARCIA WESTGATE, of Cornish, 12 weeks; whole number of scholars 20; average attendance 16. This was Miss WESTGATE's first term of teaching. A very kind feeling existed between teacher and scholars. A little more life and enthusiasm on the part of the teacher, would have added to the appearance of the School. Fair proficiency was made in the different studies pursued. I have reason to believe that Miss WESTGATE with more experience will make a very successful teacher.

Winter School, taught by MARION POWERS, of Cornish, 12 weeks; whole number of scholars 23; average attendance 21. The teacher labored under great disadvantages. Scholars were very irregular in their attendance. The indifference of parents was confirmed, by their not visiting the miserable hut that was occupied by their teacher and little ones, six hours per day. I think Miss POWERS to be a very thorough teacher, and her success was better than could have been expected under the circumstances.



## DISTRICT NO. 4.

Summer School, taught by ABBIE HARLOW, of Cornish, 10 weeks ; whole number of scholars 14 ; average attendance 13. This was the third term in succession. Miss HARLOW had labored in this district, showing conclusively that her labors were highly appreciated. She has proved herself to be an energetic, faithful, and laborious teacher.

Winter School, taught by EMERETTE AYERS, of Cornish, 12 weeks ; whole number of scholars 20 ; average attendance 19. I did not visit the School but once, on account of sickness, but have no hesitancy in reporting a good School, as I consider Miss AYERS one of our best teachers.

## DISTRICT NO 5.

Fall and winter terms, taught by LIZZIE HOLBROOK, of Cornish, 10 weeks each ; whole number of scholars 11 and 9 ; average attendance 9 and 8. While many would have failed in making so small a School all that is desirable, she succeeded. This School was under good discipline and thorough instruction, throughout the year. At the close, the teacher subjected her pupils to a rigid examination in the different branches, to which attention had been paid, and it was sustained in a manner creditable to all concerned.

## DISTRICT NO. 6.—PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT.

Summer School, taught by LUELLA WEBSTER, of Fairlee, Vt., 11 weeks ; whole number of scholars 20 ; average attendance 16. The appearance of this School under Miss WEBSTER's instruction was highly commendable. Her scholars were obedient, studious and wide awake. In no School in Town have I witnessed more enthusiasm on the part of the scholars than here. The explanations made by the teacher upon the different subjects could not fail to make a lasting impression on the minds of her pupils.

Winter School, commenced by B. F. THOMPSON, of Keene, and finished by ELIAS SMITH, of Plainfield. Whole number of scholars 33 ; average attendance 26. The first teacher was inexperienced

in School teaching having taught only eight weeks previous to the commencement of this School. It was evident that he had a thorough knowledge of the different subjects, to which attention was paid, his faculty of imparting instruction was not surpassed by any teacher in Town, and if he could have had the co-operation of his scholars, the sympathy and help of parents, he would have had a model School; as this was denied him in part, he closed his School at the end of six weeks. It was continued by Mr. SMITH, four weeks with good success.

#### PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.

Summer School taught by ANN COMINGS, of Cornish, 11 weeks. Whole number of scholars 35; average attendance 28. Miss COMINGS seemed zealous, faithful in her work, and gave satisfaction to her patrons. This School suffered by irregular attendance, caused in part by sickness. The reading classes appeared to have been well drilled.

Winter School was again under the care of Miss COMINGS, 11 weeks. Whole number of scholars 30; average attendance 20. The order and general appearance of this School was not quite as satisfactory as the previous term. Scholars appeared restless, and inattentive to their books, and there was not that interest evinced which insures decided success; sickness again made a very irregular attendance. The demands of a School of this character, must severely tax the patience, energy and ingenuity of the teacher. It requires a very ingenious mind to provide work that will interest, and engage the attention of small pupils like these, six hours in a day. It was evident that Miss COMINGS labored hard for the good of her School, that she had the love of her pupils, and approbation of patrons.

#### DISTRICT NO. 7.

Summer School taught by SUSAN HUGGINS, of Acton, Mass., 11 weeks. Whole number of scholars 13; average attendance 11. The order of this School was very good, but the instruction was not so careful and correct, as was desirable. There seemed to be

a want of energy on the part of the teacher. Many mistakes made by pupils were not noticed, certainly not corrected.

Miss HUGGINS was again employed to take charge of fall term. Whole number of scholars 18; average attendance 15. This term was taught with better success; still her method of instruction was not well calculated to interest, and benefit small scholars. The advanced classes appeared to have made good progress in their text books.

Winter School commenced by W. B. Dow, of Newport, finished by THOMAS HOLBROOK, of Cornish. Whole number of scholars 25; average attendance 22. Mr. Dow seemed very young for a School like this, and I was fearful on visiting him in the School room that he was not competent to bring his School under requisite discipline, which proved to be the case, and he closed his School abruptly and prematurely. Parents, were your efforts united in rendering assistance and encouragement to him who had a right to expect it? The School was finished by Mr. HOLBROOK, with credit to himself and advantage to the School.

#### DISTRICT NO. 8.

Summer School taught by EMERETTE AYERS, of Cornish, 12 weeks. Whole number of scholars 17; average attendance 13. This School was well disciplined and successfully taught. At the close, the recitations were highly commendable, being interspersed with declamations and singing, which would have done credit to older persons of more pretensions. Scholars, parents and teacher have acted well their part.

Winter School, taught by LUCIAN DOWNING, of Hartford, Vt., 12 weeks; whole number of scholars 35; average attendance 26. I did not visit the School but once, yet the evidence received at that time argued well for the future, and it has been substantiated by the citizens of the district, who speak from a personal knowledge, as they have visited the School several times each, during its session. Ninety-three visits have been made to the School during the year by parents and friends. Obedient scholars, interested parents, and good teacher will make a model School.



## DISTRICT NO. 9.

Summer School, taught by ELISABETH DEMING, of Cornish, 8 weeks ; whole number scholars 7 ; average attendance 6. The instruction of this School has been entrusted to Miss DEMING, five terms in succession. This tells of her success better than the report of any Committee. This example of confidence is worthy to be imitated by neighboring districts.

Winter School, taught by LUCY HALL, of Cornish, 13 weeks ; whole number of scholars 14 ; average attendance 13. There was every evidence of a pleasant and profitable School. Special attention was paid to reading, writing and compositions, and in fact all branches appeared to have been well taught.

## DISTRICT NO. 10.

Summer School, taught by ANNA BRYANT, of Corinth, 10 weeks ; whole number of scholars 14 ; average attendance 11. Miss BRYANT maintained good order. Her scholars were interested, and seemed eager to learn, consequently they made praiseworthy improvement. Her success has proved her to be one of our best teachers.

Winter School, commenced by STORY FLETCHER, continued by NATHAN EDMISTER, both of Cornish. Whole number of scholars 25 ; average attendance 15. Mr. FLETCHER, taught four weeks, to the profit of scholars and the satisfaction of parents, when he was obliged to resign on account of ill health. Mr. EDMISTER continued the School six weeks. His ability to teach and maintain order, was evidently good. The several classes made laudable proficiency in their studies.

## DISTRICT NO. 11.

Summer School, taught by SUSAN DEMING, of Cornish, 12 weeks ; whole number of scholars 33 ; average attendance 25. This is the largest School in Town, and one that requires experience, patience, perseverance and decision, on the part of the teacher. The appearance of the scholars at my first visit, was not encouraging. They were noisy, and seemed interested in some-

thing aside from their books. Miss DEMING was unwearied in her efforts to secure order and progress on the part of her pupils, and the general appearance of the School at its close, evinced that the right teacher was in the right place.

Winter term is yet in successful operation, with Miss DEMING as instructress. Whole number of scholars 52; average attendance about 40.

#### DISTRICT NO. 12.

Fall School, taught by LUELLA S. WEBSTER, of Fairlee, Vt., 12 weeks; whole number of scholars 18; average attendance 15. The scholars in this district, improved well the short time allotted them for study. Twelve weeks in a year is not sufficient for a small and backwoods' district like this. I consider the district very fortunate in their selection of a teacher.

#### DISTRICT NO. 13.

Summer School taught by LAURA DEMING of Cornish, 10 weeks; whole number of scholars 20; average attendance 18. This was Miss Deming's first effort at School teaching. The school was not thoroughly taught, or disciplined, yet the scholars made some proficiency in their studies.

Fall School taught by JULIA POWERS of Charlestown, 12 weeks; whole number of scholars 22; average attendance 18. This was a very quiet School, I have not visited one more so during the year; yet the recitations were not conducted in that energetic, and thorough manner, which is best calculated to interest and benefit the pupil. The wants of this district demand a thorough and experienced teacher.

Miss POWERS again had charge of the School in the Winter, 12 weeks; whole number of scholars —; average attendance —. What was said of the Summer School is applicable to this term. Scholars were not regular in their attendance, which should be partly attributed to sickness.

## DISTRICT NO. 14.

Summer School, taught by CARRIE FREEMAN, of Cornish, — weeks; whole number of scholars —; average attendance —. This was Miss Freeman's first term of teaching. I was prevented visiting the School at its close, by sickness. The appearance at my first visit, was quite satisfactory, and I have learned that citizens of the district were universally satisfied.

Winter School, taught by LUCY BEANE, of Claremont, 10 weeks; whole number of scholars —; average attendance —. I visited this School in the middle of the term; found it very small, only part of the usual number being present. The scholars appeared to have been thoroughly drilled in orthography, and rules for reading.

## DISTRICT NO. 15.

The amount of money assigned to this district is so meagre, that no School has been taught during the year.

## DISTRICT NO. 16.

Summer School, taught by EMILIE LEAVITT, of Cornish, 12 weeks; whole number of scholars 22; average attendance 19. Miss Leavitt is an experienced teacher, and having a good literary qualification, I looked for a well conducted School, but I was sadly disappointed, I found instead a most disorderly one. I am therefore unable to report much progress in the different branches taught.

Winter School, taught by Miss ABBIE HARLOW, of Cornish, 9 weeks; whole number of scholars 25; average attendance 15. Miss Harlow taught eight weeks, when her scholars becoming unmanageable, she asked assistance from parents. She was told to punish. Punish whom? young ladies and gentlemen? Considering this too much of an undertaking, she closed her School. The unbecoming deportment of a portion of the scholars toward their teacher, that I have witnessed during the year, should be corrected. Parents if you expect the teacher to do this, you should hire a man that is competent. It is too much to ask of a lady.



After having thus briefly and impartially reported the character of each School, I would call your attention to some statements and suggestions, such as the claims of the subject demand.

Teachers sustained well the examination upon the different branches, which the law requires them to teach, and I, accordingly, granted them the necessary credentials; but upon visiting them in the school-room, I found some too much confined to text-books, and devoid of the faculty of presenting the different subjects in a clear and practical manner, and I am led to believe that very little has been done to discipline the minds, or teach the pupil how to think, investigate, or draw logical, common sense conclusions, or the bearing these subjects have upon the practical, business demands of every-day life. These remarks are applicable to about one-fifth part of the teachers, that have been employed in Town the last year. It is my belief, that no Town in this County, can claim a larger board of earnest, skillful, high-minded, and experienced teachers of her own, than can Cornish. They have qualified themselves by a thorough study of the different branches they are required to teach, by instruction in the Institute, and many by long experience, so that they are laborers worthy of our confidence and hire. Citizens, how long must they labor before their work is appreciated? Certainly, longer yet. Many have been obliged during the last year, to go into neighboring towns to get employment. This town needs to realize more fully, the importance of re-hiring teachers. If your teacher the past year was not well calculated to advance the educational cause in your immediate district, the wants of the immortal minds of your children, caution you to be careful in making your selection for the year to come. Do not look for a cheap teacher, but secure the services of one of our best, and keep him as long as he will labor for you as such. On the other hand, if your teacher was successful, it is important that he be re-hired. His advantages over a new teacher are many; he has no experiments to make to test the mental capacities of his pupils, no time needs be spent in studying character, he has the ex-

perience of the past to guide him, and the work of instruction will commence with the School.

We have too great a variety of text-books, which has occasioned a great waste of time. This is especially true of Arithmetic and Grammar.

It was my intention to make a change in these branches, at the commencement of the winter term, but was fearful in view of the times that but a part would make the change, thereby making a greater multiplicity in classes. Many of the Schools are sadly deficient in Dictionaries. This defect needs to be remedied immediately. No scholar can become a correct, and an understanding reader, without having a fair conception of the meaning of words. In no way can this be obtained without reference to this authority. It is a lamentable fact, nevertheless true, that schools are entirely destitute of maps and globes, with the exception of the former, in Districts No. 6, principal department, and 8. It is nothing uncommon to find scholars in our schools that have made Geography a study six or eight years, and having a very imperfect knowledge of the subject at that; when, if they could have had the benefit of these important facilities, more would have been accomplished, with a better understanding, in two years, thus saving a great waste of time. Parents, is not this fact of sufficient importance to induce you at your next District meeting, to raise a sum of money to purchase a map of our State, the United States and a Map of the World, together with a cheap globe? I have advised the advanced classes to study Colburn's Mental Arithmetic, and the result has been truly encouraging.

Districts No. 1 and 3 should build new houses this year. They have too long delayed it. The buildings now occupied, are very bad and entirely unfit for use. Thus I might go on, particularizing many defects that require a remedy, if space would allow, but must be content with what has been said, hoping, and trusting that the education of the youth of this Town will not be considered secondary to any subject, and that the friends of the cause will ever extend a united influence, that they may be educated in a way that will enable them to become useful and honorable members of society.

ELIHU H. PIKE,

*Superintendent of Schools for the Town of Cornish.*

CORNISH, March 7th, 1862.



## STATISTICAL TABLE.

No. of District.....	Term of School Summer and Winter..	NAMES OF PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE.	Wages of Teacher per month, including board.....	No. of instances of Tardiness.....	No. of instances of dismissal.....	No. of visits by citi- zens and others...	Money assigned to each District....
1	1st	L. H. Smith.....	\$14 00	8	18	16	\$111,66
1	2d	" ".....	16,50	114	*	2	
2	1st	Benjamin S. Smith.....	10,00	....	..	....	\$85,40
2	2d	" ".....	14,00	51	18	2	
3	1st	James Hildreth.....	10,00	22	8	17	\$57,91
3	2d	" ".....	15,00	184	19	10	
4	1st	Sylvester Bartlett.....	13,00	19	13	34	\$48,01
4	2d	" ".....	15,00	11	2	30	
5	1st	William Spaulding.....	13,50	31	12	31	\$56,66
5	2d	" ".....	....	26	16	18	
6	1st	Josiah Davis.....	13,00	34	16	41	\$191,95
6	2d	" ".....	*	36	16	*	
6	1st	Primary.....	12,00	76	*	30	
6	2d	" ".....	12,00	87	0	18	
7	1st	T. Holbrook.....	*	5	0	10	\$95,80
7	2d	" ".....	*	12	0	24	
7	3d	" ".....	24,00	54	0	20	
8	1st	Moody Hook.....	12,00	45	2	45	\$98,35
8	2d	" ".....	24,00	224	26	48	
9	1st	William C. Smith.....	12,00	0	0	2	\$58,58
9	2d	" ".....	12,00	*	*	14	
10	1st	Charles E. Jackson.....	12,00	81	5	14	\$83,91
10	2d	" ".....	19,58	19	12	16	
11	1st	James Tasker.....	14,00	72	51	30	\$84,09
11	2d	" ".....	18,00	....	....	....	
12	1st	B. Benway.....	12,50	37	8	18	\$30,84
13	1st	R. Chase.....	12,00	29	11	17	\$74,11
13	2d	" ".....	12,00	41	0	20	
13	3d	" ".....	†	....	....	....	
14	....	Q. Fletcher.....	†	....	....	....	\$29,86
15	....	.....	....	....	....	....	\$11,62
16	1st	A. Stowell.....	*	48	5	7	\$51,58
16	2d	" ".....	15,00	107	12	8	

\* These items were omitted by Teachers, although required by law to keep their Registers in *full*. — † Records not received.



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175  
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650